

Chapter Talking Points

April 28, 2020

Info for chapter leaders

Virtual Area meetings this Wednesday, April 29

- Here are the materials that will be discussed in this Wednesday's Area meetings. Review this material prior to the meeting to better understand the discussions and prepare any questions you may have. We need to stay connected at every step of the way during this period to discuss and resolve issues related to contract enforcement, current bargaining, and other challenges that lie ahead. Please be sure to participate in the Area meeting or have one of your team members participate.
- **Link and Instructions to join your Area meeting will be sent under a separate email later today.**

Area Meeting Materials:

- [MOU enforcement doc](#)
- [MOU](#)
- [CC Election Process and Docs](#)
- [Leaflet on Budget Fight](#)
- [Matrix Checklist](#)
- [Sample Chapter Meeting Agenda](#)
- [Co-Location Moratorium petition](#)

Talking points for chapter meetings

Chapter Chair elections: Self-nomination forms due May 8



UTLA Secretary Arlene Inouye talks about elections for Special Categories Chapter Chairs

- Special Categories Chapter Chairs are chapter chairs representing itinerant and substitute members. They are an essential link to members in these groups. A virtual process is in place for the election of chapter leaders this year. Information about the process and all materials to conduct the elections are posted [here](#). The deadline to self-nominate is May 8 for all chapter chair positions, including for itinerant and substitute categories.
- If you are interested in being the chapter chair of your school or group, please submit the [self-nomination form](#) or the [Special Category self-nomination form](#) by 5 pm on May 8. You will be notified no later than May 15 if you are the only candidate from your school or group and therefore elected, or if there needs to be an election for the position. For any questions, please contact Arlene Inouye, ainouye@utla.net.

Matrix process is under way

- Schools can begin the matrix process now. Some principals have erroneously said that it is still being bargained — that's not true. LAUSD is obligated to follow the same process for the matrix and class selection that's in our contract, but it will be done virtually. Chapter leaders were sent a [Matrix Checklist](#) this week to ensure that all the procedures will be followed. Checklist and other resources [here](#).

State budget is in critical condition

- This week, Beutner said that he expects no staff layoffs for next school year, but with the state budget not yet unveiled, it's unclear if that will hold. Under normal circumstances, school districts have until March 15 to issue layoff notices to educators for the following school year, but August layoffs could be triggered under emergency funding conditions. California is facing a shortfall of between \$35 billion and \$80 billion. Federal assistance will be needed to keep our communities from being decimated, yet Congress's latest pandemic relief measure contained no money for state governments.
- UTLA is ready to defend public education with a “no cuts and no layoffs” platform (no loss to employee healthcare, student programs, or educators) merged with a deep reinvestment in schools and social services to counter the traumatic impact of the economic, political, and public health crisis we're living with. More details about our organizing strategy will roll out at our Area meetings for chapter leaders in April and May. Be sure to attend your weekly chapter meetings for info.

UPDATED FAQs

We are updating our FAQ pages regularly. Check often for new info.

- [Members-FAQ](#)
- [Substitutes-FAQ](#)
- [Parents-FAQ](#)
- [Parents \(Spanish\)-FAQ](#)

UTLA action calendar

Wednesday, April 29: Area meetings

Wednesday, May 13: Area meetings